

East Regional Time Sensitive Emergency (TSE) Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2015

Present:

Brian O'Byrne, Alan Brower, Melonie Frasure, Debbie Davids, Sandra Woolstenhulme, Robert Vielleux, Josie Magee, Kate Taylor, Bob Foster, Edwin Wells, Troyce Miskin, Mikel Walker, Judson Smith, Thor Osborn, Erich Garland, Mike Weimer, Jami Thomas, Christian Surjan (via phone).

Next Meeting: Tentatively – May 19th, 1300-1500 at Madison Memorial

I. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Brian O'Byrne called the meeting to order at 1305. Minutes from the previous meeting (2/19/15) were distributed and reviewed by the group. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written – motion passed. All members in attendance introduced themselves.

II. TSE Program Update

Christian Surjan gave an update of the TSE program at the State level. The STEMI guidelines, Stroke Protocol and Trauma Center guidelines have been finalized. The State plans to begin designation of facilities this July. The approach will be to review facilities that have already been accredited by another body. The State is working on application packets for all designations.

The State Committee discussed data collection and is looking at mandatory data submission. Data collection is intensive and important for PI purposes. One issue the State is having is being able to link EMS data to hospital data. A proposal was made to use an arm band similar to "trauma bands" with a TSE generic number that would stay with the patient.

III. TSE Council Meeting Update

Dr. O'Byrne did not have anything further to add to Christian Surjan's comments.

IV. New Business

Establishment of Bylaws: The TSE East Regional Committee needs to establish Bylaws. A draft copy of Bylaws was distributed to the group and reviewed line by line. The members in attendance gave input on each item. A final draft of Bylaws will be prepared and posted. The Bylaws final copy will be reviewed and voted on at the next East Regional Committee meeting. During discussion regarding membership, it was agreed to approach Dr. Aaron Gardner to be a pediatric member.

Establishment of Committees: The group agreed there is a need to develop Subcommittees for Outreach and Quality Improvement. Development of the Subcommittees will be addressed at the next meeting.

Trauma Data Points: The State is in process of developing a set of standards for trauma data collection. The group agreed that most regions are facing similar issues. The East Region will follow the standard data set established by the State and may add additional data points as they are needed.

The group briefly discussed the definition of EMS "scene time" and the need to standardize how scene time is recorded. It was agreed to wait and see how the State defines scene time.

V. Other Business

Jami Thomas, EIRMC Stroke/STEMI Coordinator, updated the group on Stroke and STEMI programs at the State level. The State specifications have been built and will be reviewed at the State Council meeting in May. Following that meeting, the specifications will be sent to the Legislature for vote. There will be two levels of STEMI facilities (Sending and Receiving) and three levels of Stroke facilities (Comprehensive, Primary and Acute Ready.)

A question was raised regarding education and training for EMS agencies. Dr. O'Byrne discussed that receiving facilities are required, as part of their State Designation, to provide education and training to the EMS agencies.

There was also brief discussion regarding feedback to EMS agencies. Receiving facilities should provide feedback to EMS agencies for QI purposes. It was decided to hold this issue until development of a QI Subcommittee and have the QI Subcommittee oversee this project.

VI. Schedule of Future Meetings

The group discussed meeting frequency. It was agreed that the Bylaws would require a quarterly meeting with allowance of more frequent meetings if needed. It was agreed to meet monthly until the Committee is more established. The group discussed possible dates for a May meeting. Due to the Memorial Day holiday near the end of the month, it was agreed to tentatively meet on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, from 1300-1500. The location was discussed and most felt that Madison is a central location for everyone. Mr. Brower, from Madison Memorial, generously offered to be the host location for the May meeting.

VII. Adjournment

With no further business, the East Regional TSE Committee adjourned at 1416.